

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:365

ANSWERED ON:08.04.2003

SAMPOORNA GRAMEEN ROZGAR YOJANA

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether response to the additional wage employment in the rural areas under the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) has not been up to the mark;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the suggestions received in regard to this scheme from the State Governments and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether attention of the Government has also been drawn to the news regarding failure of poverty alleviation schemes appearing in the Indian Express dated 05.03.2002;
- (e) if so, the names of States where SGRY has not been implemented fully so far;
- (f) the funds allocated to the State Governments under the scheme during 2002-2003, State-wise;
- (g) whether the State Governments have not fully utilized the funds since very inception of the scheme;
- (h) if so, details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (i) the steps taken by the Union Government to streamline implementation of the scheme in the light of a report submitted in the Supreme Court in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (i) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO

(i) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 365 (5th POSITION) DUE FOR REPLY ON 8TH APRIL 2003 REGARDING SAMPOORNA GRAMEEN ROZGAR YOJANA

(a) & (b) Though the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched on 25th September 2001, the Programme became fully operational from 1st April 2002. During 2002-2003, against the allocation of Rs. 3552.53 crores, an amount of Rs. 3684.64 crores has been released alongwith about 45 lakh tonnes of foodgrains. According to the Reports received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations about 49.05 crores mandays have been created upto January 2003.

(c) Some State Governments want only cash. Some want that minimum of 5kgs of foodgrains per manday may be reduced. Under the Guidelines, flexibility in the distribution of foodgrains between the minimum of 5kgs per manday and maximum upto 75% of the wage rates has already been provided. It will be too early to consider further flexibility as the Scheme is in operation only for the last one year.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) The Scheme is in operation in all the Districts of the country.

(f) to (h) The State-wise allocation of funds and its utilization under the SGRY during 2002-2003 is at Annexure.

(i) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been impressed upon to speed up lifting and utilisation of foodgrains under the normal SGRY. Secondly as per decision of the Task Force on drought constituted under the Chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister, before a fresh release of foodgrains is made under the Special Component, the unutilized balance of foodgrains under the normal SGRY is also taken into account together with that of the Special Component, so that overall utilisation is achieved. During 2002-2003, 108.66 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been released under the SGRY and the Special Component as against 68.83 lakh

tonnes in the previous year under the SGRY and the Food for Work Programme. Lifting has also gone up from 48.90 lakh tonnes in 2001-2002 to 74.64 lakh tonnes in 2002-2003.